period of ten months, wherets higher grade or secondary grade teachers have to undergo a two years training course covering subjects like; Language, Mathematics, Psychology, etc., before they are allowed to sit for the T.S.L.C. Examination. The Physical Training Instructors therefore lack sustained teaching training in other subjects and cannot therefore be allowed to sit for the T.S.L.C. Examination."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that these Physical Training Instructors are eligible to appear for the Y.M.C.A. Higher Grade training if they passed the secondary grade training and may I know why Government are not encouraging them to appear for the T.S.L.C. examination?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The hon. Member will please repeat his question."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" Sir, candidates applying for the Y.M.C.A. Higher Grade Physical Training Instructor's course must either be an Intermediate or a passed T.S.L.C. Secondary Grade. In view of the fact that Physical Training Instructors can qualify themselves for the Y.M.C.A. Higher Grade by appearing for the T.S.L.C. Examination, may I know whether the Government will permit them to appear privately for the T.S.L.C. Examination of the secondary grade?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It all depends upon the fact how far they have got general educational qualifications."

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI :—" In view of the fact that these candidates qualify themselves in mathematics and other general knowledge subjects by preparing privately for the S.S.L.C. Examination may I know why they cannot be allowed to sit for the T.S.L.C. Secondary Grade Examination?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. If they are already qualified for that, we will be prepared to allow them."

Investigation of Tirumurthi Hills (Palar River) Irrigation Scheme in Udamalpet taluk.

* 115 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have investigated the Tirumurthi Hills (Palar River) Irrigation Scheme in Udamalpet taluk, Coimbatore district;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost of the scheme and the extent of land likely to be benefited by the construction of the dam at the above place; and

(*c*) at what stage the proposal stands and when it is likely to be taken up?

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) to (c) Investigation has not been completed and the cost of the scheme, extent to be benefited, etc., can be determined only after the completion of the investigation, and receipt of complete proposals from the Chief Engineer. The scheme is likely to be taken up as soon as it has been approved by the Planning Commission, if necessary, and sanctioned by this Government and funds provided for execution."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know whether the Government will consider the possibility of taking up this scheme if public assistance is offered by way of donations? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Public assistance has been offered in this case and taking that into consideration we have been investigating the scheme."

Stage of progress of the Kundah and Periyar Hydro-Electric Schemes.

* 116 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the present stage of progress of the undermentioned projects :—

(i) Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme; and

(ii) Periyar Hydro-Electric Scheme?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (i) The revised scheme report and estimate for the Kundah Hydro-Electric Scheme have been forwarded by this Government to the Planning Commission for approval and inclusion of the scheme in the First Five-Year Plan. The Commission's reply in the matter is awaited.

" (ii) The Periyar Hydro-Electric Scheme has already been included in the First Five-Year Plan and the execution of the scheme will be taken up after a settlement has been reached with the Government of Travancore-Cochin in regard to the utilization of the Periyar Lake waters by the Madras Government for power generation."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, how far the negotiations with the Travancore-Cochin State Government have proceeded with regard to Periyar Project and when the scheme is likely to be taken up? " 3 p.m.

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" We have offered some terms to them and their reply has just now been received. Yesterday only I got a reply. We are examining that and the starting of the scheme will depend upon the acceptance by us of their proposal."